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News UPDATE

Time change

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. **Sunday.**

Trick or treat hours

Fort Gordon Trick or Treat hours are 6-8 p.m. **today.** MPs will block the following roads beginning at 5 p.m.:

- Gordon Terrace: Brainard Avenue and 47th Street.
- McNair Terrace: Garlington Drive.
- Olive Terrace: North Range Road and Lilac Court, and 45th and Third avenues.
- Maglin Terrace: Maglin and Myer drives.

Traffic may not enter the housing areas after roads are blocked. Walking patrols will be in Gordon, McNair and Olive terraces.

Parking restrictions

The following parking areas will be restricted for the upcoming Signal Symposium:

- The parking area between 28th Street, Chamberlain Avenue and B Street will be closed from Nov. 8 to Dec. 17 for assembly of the exhibit tent.

This also includes the northwest corner of the parking area adjacent to the tent.

- Certain parking spaces in the Signal Towers parking lot will be reserved from Nov. 22 to Dec. 10 for VIP parking.

For information, call 2nd Lt. Steve Kaiser, Capt. Jonathan Stamborg or Sgt. Maj. Derrick Taylor at 791-7800/2691.

Road closure

Brainard Avenue will be closed in front of the 67th Signal Battalion Headquarters from **Nov. 9-10** to install new hot water distribution piping.

Health fair

The Fort Gordon Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will sponsor an annual Health Fair **Thursday** at the following locations:

- 9-11:30 a.m. – EAMC fourth floor lobby
- 1-3:30 p.m. – Gordon Club, Magnolia Room



CFC update

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign is underway.

As of Wednesday, 2,142 contributors here have donated \$201,699.28. The goal for 2004 is \$360,000. The campaign ends Nov. 8.

DoD issues flu vaccination policy

Deploying servicemembers given priority for shot

Lt. Col. Sherri Baker
Preventive Medicine

It's that time of year again – flu season. This year is causing wide-spread concern among the public because of the nation-wide shortage of the influenza vaccine.

Influenza, or the flu, is a viral infection that spreads through air droplets from infected persons to others. The flu can cause fever, sore throat, cough, headache, chills and muscle aches, and usually occurs from October through late March.

Even if it doesn't cause a serious ill-

ness, it can lead to absences at work and school.

While anyone can get influenza – some people are more susceptible than others depending on their body's ability to fight off infections. Influenza causes an average of 36,000 deaths each year in the United States, mostly among the elderly and individuals with chronic medical problems.

Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza. Inactivated (killed) influenza vaccine is given as a shot and has been available for use within the United States for many years. Another flu vaccine available for use is FluMist, which is a

weakened live virus taken as a nasal spray by healthy people, 5-49 years of age.

Almost half of the nation's flu vaccine will not be delivered this year. Chiron, a major manufacturer of the flu vaccine is not distributing any influenza vaccine. Chiron's license to manufacture flu vaccine was suspended for three months, preventing any release for this influenza season. Chiron was to provide about 48 million doses of flu vaccine; approximately one half the total doses for the United States.

The Department of Defense, and more specifically Fort Gordon, is ex-

periencing the same shortage of vaccine that the nation faces. The Department of Defense issued interim Policy Guidance for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2004-05 flu season on Oct. 13.

The DoD's top priorities are to immunize Soldiers who are forward deployed to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as well as forces preparing to deploy in the near future.

The remainder of the vaccine, if available, will be targeted for high risk groups as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in coordination with its Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices. A tiered level of priority approach will include the following groups:

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Photo by Marlene Thompson

Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, former deputy commanding general, salutes the flag Friday during a retreat ceremony in his honor. Premo is retiring after 32 years of service.

Premo bids farewell

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, U.S. Signal Center and post deputy commanding general, ended his military career during a retirement ceremony at the flag pole at Signal Towers Friday.

Premo, who ended his time at Fort Gordon after 15 months, said his time here felt like home.

"Anytime a Signal Soldier comes to Fort Gordon it is like coming home," said Premo. "I have had two assignments and have attended

school three times (here)."

Premo retired almost exactly 32 years from the day he signed in to Fort Gordon for the Signal Officer's Basic Course as a new second lieutenant in 1972.

"Fort Gordon is a different post today and the Army is a different, and in my opinion, a vastly better trained, equipped and ready Army," said Premo.

"Fortunately, we have the same great young Americans dedicated to protecting the nation through a personal commitment today as we did over 30 years ago," he said.

Premo said some of the more memorable times of his

career include assignments overseas.

"Most of my memories are about great people. However, what the Signal Regiment has accomplished in the past year supporting the Army's Transformation is remarkable," he said.

In 14 months, under the leadership of the Signal Center, Premo said the Army has been able to take OIF communications support lessons learned and deliver, into the hands of the 3rd Infantry Division, revolutionary new network

See Premo, page 11

Symposium to focus on joint service mission

Denise Allen
Signal staff

While it will have an Army flavor, the 32nd Annual Signal Regimental Symposium will have more emphasis on the joint nature of the mission.

The theme for the symposium, which will be held at Fort Gordon Nov. 29 through Dec. 3, is "LandWarNet – Networking the Forces in the Joint Fight."

"The idea of LandWarNet is the specific name of the Army's contribution to the joint network," said Capt. Jonathan Stamborg, officer in charge of the symposium.

The keynote speaker for this year's symposium is Lt. Gen. Robert Shea, director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J6), Washington, a Marine Corps general.

The Joint Communications Support Element from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., will install a small network during the symposium.

The symposium will feature many of its usual forums and seminars; however, the main events of the State of the Signal address by Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, and other keynote addresses will be held Dec. 2. Usually, these events are held on the Wednesday of the sym-

posium.

Stamborg said he hopes to see about 4,000 attendees this year. Last year, there were about 3,500.

Funding for this year's event was questionable earlier this year. Usually Training and Doctrine Command funds the symposium; however, TRADOC was "trying to maximize their budget," said Stamborg.

Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, the chief information officer G6, agreed to provide funding.

"It's such an important event for the Army, the Signal Corps and the Augusta community," Stamborg said.

Another part of the symposium is the annual technology expo and exhibit, sponsored by the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

Bryan Tuschen, with AFCEA, said this year's exhibit hall will be 65,000 square feet to accommodate the 200 companies that are expected.

"It should be quite a show," he said.

Sixty more companies are expected to attend this year over last year.

For information about the symposium or to register, go to www.gordon.army.mil. A link to symposium information is on the left side of the page.

Fort Gordon sends best to AUSA meeting

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

For about a dozen of the Soldiers who go above and beyond, their hard work paid off with a trip to the Association of the U.S. Army meeting.

The Fort Gordon AUSA chapter sent 10 Soldiers to the 50th annual AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition held in Washington Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

About 30,000 to 35,000 members and visitors are expected to view about 500 exhibits highlighting state-of-the-art equipment, technology and research and development initiatives during the three day event.

The Fort Gordon group began their AUSA experience by attending the opening ceremony Monday in the ballroom of the Washington Conven-



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Sgt. Christopher Pryor, HHC U.S. Army Garrison, meets Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston at the AUSA convention in Washington. Pryor was chosen as post NCO of the fourth quarter.

tion Center.

There, retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, AUSA president, welcomed the thou-

sands in attendance as the convention began.

The Honorable Les Brownlee, acting Secretary of the Army, was the keynote speaker.

"It's wonderful, I'm glad AUSA was able to sponsor them to come up here," Maj. Gen. Janet Hick, U.S. Army Signal Center and post commanding general, said about Fort Gordon Soldiers being at the convention. "It's a wonderful experience for them. They de-

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Hicks said the panel was to explain to attendees the Army network "that extends from the flat panel screen from Fort Anywhere U.S.A. to the foxhole."

That whole network, she said, is called the LandWarNet, and it requires "acquisition of all the toys and bells and whistles and technology that has to be purchased by the Army to make it a reality."

Customer needs – such as that of the intelligence and logistics community – are commodities that have to move around on this network she said.

And she said Fort Gordon is "in the middle of it all" when it comes to LandWarNet.

Soldiers who won various awards throughout the 2004 fiscal year were invited to attend the AUSA meeting.

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878th says 'thanks' for support

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Officials with the Georgia National Guard's 878th Engineer Battalion visited Fort Gordon on Oct. 21 to say thanks.

"We wanted to do something else besides say thank you," said William "Buddy" Lockhart, director of family support for the 878th.

The National Guard unit was deployed to Iraq from March 2003 to June 2004, and during those 15 months, he said he received tremendous support from Fort Gordon — especially Army Community Service.

"I drew from them," he said.

They helped him "hook up" with Tricare and other Army benefits for the families of the deployed Soldiers, who performed combat engineering tasks such as helping rebuild Iraq's infrastructure and repair hospitals and schools.

During the 15-month deployment, the unit did not suffer any casualties.

Lockhart presented Stanley and the ACS staff a print of an American flag, comprised of hundreds of tiny photographs.

Also, Capt. Greg Brown,

executive officer of the 878th, presented Woodrow Miller Jr., with the unit's volunteer of the year award.

Miller, who is the deputy director of information systems security for the Southeastern Regional Medical Command at Fort Gordon and is the pastor

of Harmony Baptist Church, served as chaplain for the families of the deployed Soldiers.

"It's critical to make sure Soldiers' needs are taken care of," said Brown.

Miller served in a vital role, he said.

Miller, a retired Signal

corpsman, said his top priority is taking care of Soldiers. He gave a lot of the credit to ACS.

"I could not have done it without Fort Gordon," he said.

The award and thank-you gift were presented in the garrison commander's conference room in Darling Hall.



Photo by Denise Allen

William "Buddy" Lockhart Jr., director of family support for the 878th Engineer Battalion, presented Vanessa Stanley, Army Community Services chief, with a print of the American flag as a 'thank you' for ACS's support of the 878th during its Iraqi deployment March 2003 through June 2004.

NSC launches eCYBERMISSION

Denise Allen
Signal staff

The National Science Center is working with the Army to promote an Army project focusing on math, science and technology education.

eCYBERMISSION is a web-based science, math and technology contest for students in the sixth through ninth grades.

Students must develop a solution to a problem from one of four different areas using science, math and technology, said Jan Hemphill, an eCYBERMISSION ambassador with the NSC in Augusta.

The four areas are sports and recreation, arts and entertainment, the environment and health.

Winners are determined at each grade level. Teams must be comprised of students

from the same grade, but not necessarily the same school or even the same geographic area, she said.

Last year's winners included a group of sixth graders who were concerned about mosquitoes and West Nile virus. The team decided a solution would be to build bat houses to attract mosquito-eating bats.

A team of ninth graders tested and monitored the water quality in their area.

This is the third year for the competition.

The Army sponsors the contest because it recognizes the importance of science, math and technology education, and sees the decrease in the number of students interested in those fields, according to the eCYBERMISSION website,

www.ecybermission.com

This is the first year that the NSC, head-

quartered at Fort Discovery in downtown Augusta, has worked as an ambassador for the program.

"The science center is a partnership with the Army and private sector," Hemphill said. "We wanted to support the Army effort."

Hemphill said the science center promotes the eCYBERMISSION project by "spreading the word that it exists," in its distance learning program, at the teacher open house at the beginning of the year and through newsletters.

Regional criteria winners receive \$2,000 savings bonds; regional first and second place finishers receive \$3,000 savings bonds; and national winners receive \$5,000 savings bonds.

Teams must register on the website to qualify. The registration deadline is Dec. 15 and the project deadline is Feb. 21.

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Garrison commander opens Augusta Lynx hockey season

Denise Allen
Signal staff

It was a first for Col. Karen Adams. "This is my very first hockey game. I'm very excited to see it," said Fort Gordon's garrison commander prior to the start of the Oct. 22 home opener of the Augusta Lynx.

Adams ceremonially dropped the puck at the start of the game, which saw the Lynx losing to the Gwinnett Gladiators 4-3.

Despite the loss, Fort Gordon Soldiers are winners this season.

The Lynx and their sponsors have donated 14,500 tickets during the season to Fort Gordon Soldiers and their families. The opening game brought in 1,000 military servicemembers. For each subsequent game, there will be 500 free tickets available for active duty servicemembers.

"It speaks to the generosity of the sponsors and the community and how much they support Fort Gordon," said Adams.

Adams wasn't the only Fort Gordon participant in the pre-game activities.

Sgt. 1st Class Rae McFarlane, Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Hamil and Staff Sgt. Carle Stewart of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion rappelled from the top of the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center to the ice as the American flag unfurled.

A Fort Gordon color guard presented the colors for the singing of the national anthem

by Russell Joel Brown.

Augusta Lynx officials said they were pleased to have Fort Gordon's involvement in their season. "This should have been done seven years ago," said Paul Gamsby, Lynx general manager.

"There's a lot of interest" in the team by Fort Gordon Soldiers, he said.

The Lynx season will end in April.

Tickets are available while supplies last in Darling Hall, Room 337, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 791-6779.



Image by Spc. Katrina Nichols

Col. Karen Adams, garrison commander, dropped the puck for the Augusta Lynx home opener Friday. The Lynx lost to the Gwinnett Gladiators 4-3. This season 14,500 Lynx tickets will be available to active duty Soldiers.

Feast of fests, fairs for family fun

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Many organizations in the Augusta community have special events planned this Halloween weekend.

Storyland Theatre takes a unique spin on the story of "The Hobbit" in its original production of "Bilbo and the Magic Ring" at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Augusta State University Grover C. Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre, 2500 Walton Way.

"I love innocence thrust into

adventure," said Doug Joiner, who plays hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

Bilbo must save his beloved girlfriend, Symphony Sonatina, who had been abducted by trolls in this musical rendition geared for elementary school-age audiences.

Tickets are \$4 each and may be purchased at the door.

For information, call 736-3455.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Make-and-take projects, a scavenger hunt, costume parade and special science demonstra-

tions are all part of the National Science Center's Fort Discovery's Halloween Happening from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Fort Discovery, One Seventh St.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Fort Discovery members are admitted free. For information, call Lisa Golden at 821-0646.

JACK-O-LANTERN JUBILEE

The City of North Augusta will close Georgia Avenue for the annual Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

There will be games, arts and crafts and concessions.

A costume contest will be from noon to 1 p.m. Children must register for the contest before noon.

Entertainment includes dancers, a puppet show and bands. Admission is free. Call 441-4300 for information.

FALL KIDS CLUB FAIR

Learn about the Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy's children's programs at a fall fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Phinizy Swamp Nature Park. Bring a miniature pumpkin for pumpkin painting, participate in educational activities and a wagon ride on nature park trails and paths. The event is free. Call 828-2109 to register.

SPOOKY SYMPHONY

The Augusta Symphony will present a "Halloween Spooktacular" concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the ASU Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre, 2500 Walton Way.

Part of the Publix Family Concert Series, the Halloween concert is a "frightfully fun introduction to symphonic music,"



Photo by Denise Allen

Doug Joiner plays Bilbo Baggins in Storyland Theatre's "Bilbo and the Magic Ring," at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Augusta State University Grover C. Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre, 2500 Walton Way.

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Making a difference

Denise Allen
Signal staff

With a wide, toothless grin and a handmade thank-you card, J.R. Roberson greeted Soldiers at the entrance to the Post Exchange Saturday. One Soldier took the card and smiled back.

"I'm getting ready to go to Iraq," he told the six year-old. "This is nice."

J.R. distributed the cards as part of the 14th annual Make A Difference Day, a national day of volunteering sponsored by U.S.A. Weekend Magazine and the Points of Light Foundation.

"They do so much. We wanted to let them know they are appreciated," said J.R.'s mom, NeCole Roberson, who is a cadet with the Augusta State University JROTC program.

Roberson's fellow cadets and her two children, J.R., and Chris, a sixth grader at Lakeside Middle School, plus a few of Chris' friends, made about 250 cards that told Soldiers thanks.

"I wanted to make a difference," said Roberson.

Roberson's group wasn't the only people out to make a difference at Fort Gordon.

About a dozen teenagers from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church volunteered at Fort Gordon's dinner theatre, which has a production opening on Nov. 5.

Teens cleaned out the prop room and helped with sets as part of their effort.

"My dad is in the Army," said Jacqueline Kulig, a Riverside Middle School eighth grader, who painted glue on the walls of the set.

Canvas would later be applied to the surface. The canvas covered gaps between the pieces of sheet rock on the set.

"I thought it would be nice to help out here," she said.

Gail Fitzpatrick, a former Fort Gordon volunteer of the year, coordinated a group of about 45 people from the church.

Besides working at the dinner theatre, they helped in the Augusta community at a soup kitchen and helped do repairs and yard work at the homes of elderly residents.

Make A Difference Day takes place on the fourth Saturday in October each year. Last year, more than three million people volunteered in projects on that day.



Photo by Denise Allen

Samantha Videna and Ben Leightly apply glue to the walls of the set at the dinner theatre. The teens were part of a group from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church who volunteered at the dinner theater as part of "Make A Difference Day".

Seeing the invisible minority

Barbara Owens
Equal Employment Opportunity Office

The media is swamped this month with articles intended to raise awareness about the plight of the disabled in our society today. However, the annual observances and all the hoop-la reminds me of a parallel irony in the lyrics of an old spiritual sung frequently in many churches that goes "give me my flowers while I yet live". The focus of the praise should be for the benefit of the recipient not the giver.

I can see the beauty of setting aside a special time, one month, in the year to recognize the progress made in changing laws and eliminating barriers for those among us with disabilities. However, the real test is how we, the non-disabled, con-

tinue to view the disabled the other 11 months of the year.

The inspiration for this year's theme, "You're Hired! Success Knows No Limitations," no doubt came from the popular television show "The Apprentice". The grand prize in the hit reality show goes to the "survivor" of the boardroom. The winner gets the opportunity to work in corporate America. Many unemployed individuals with disabilities long for the opportunity to show what they can do rather than be recognized by their limitations.

Hopefully this month will be a visible reminder to all of us to focus on their abilities not their disabilities. We should celebrate the talents and abilities of every person allowing them to develop meaningful skills, engage in productive lives and

participate fully in our society.

Public Law 176, enacted by Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October as National Employ the Handicapped Week. In 1988, Congress changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Approximately 193 employees at Fort Gordon have targeted disabilities. That number represents almost 10 percent of the total workforce. They are a vital part of our workforce and demonstrate their skills and excellence everyday in various career fields. They don't ask to be considered special and many only need minimal accommodations; yet they make a significant contribution and serve in silence.

Much of the progress to be credited for improvement in the quality of life for individuals

with disabilities must be shared with the passing of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

This year marks the 14th anniversary of this legislation guaranteeing the civil rights of all citizens. Unfortunately millions of Americans with disabilities continue to face both physical barriers and false perceptions regarding their limitations.

Removing those barriers will allow us to see the courage, commitment and dedication of those individuals who we have kept on the fringe of the mainstream of employment, the invisible minority.

To read White House Executive Order 13163 on Increasing the Opportunity for Adults With Disabilities, go to www.va.gov/dmccowhiteinitiative/13163.htm.

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Domestic violence prevention proclamation

1. October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Fort Gordon's Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring a number of initiatives to educate and increase the public's awareness of domestic violence.

2. This year, the Army has adopted the theme, "It Takes a Community to Prevent Domestic Violence." The prevention of domestic violence is everyone's responsibility. It can be accomplished only if pursued each and every day. We must always be vigilant. Therefore, I call upon everyone in the Fort Gordon community to join me in promoting domestic violence awareness. Knowledge, individual commitment, and our collective sense of community are tools we can use to enhance the safety and well being of our families.

3. Our Family Advocacy Program will lead the way in our domestic violence prevention campaign. Each person is encouraged to adopt this year's theme and make a personal commitment to join in the various initiatives designed to educate and eradicate domestic violence. Become a part of the community's effort to prevent domestic violence.


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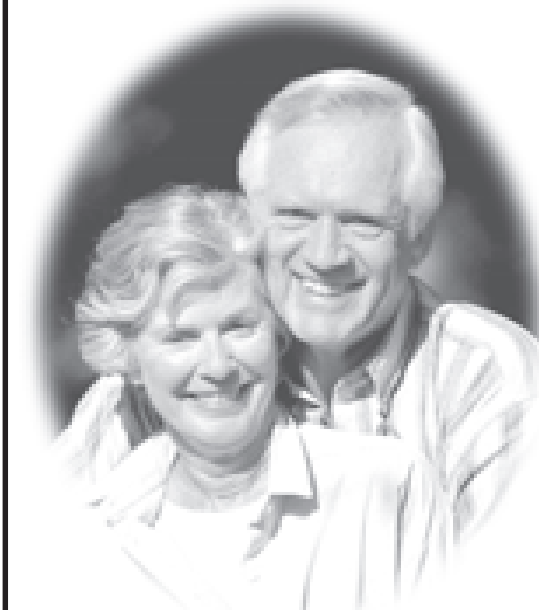
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Voting is right worth fighting to protect

Staff Sgt. Jeff Troth
Army News Service

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska – On Nov. 2 Americans will decide who will be the President of the United States. That same week, halfway around the world, the final results of another presidential election should be known.

Almost 10 million Afghanistan citizens participated in that country's first presidential election Oct. 9. After the voting was complete, the ballots were taken to the capitol, Kabul, by road, air and donkey. There the tedious process of counting the ballots by hand began.

The interim president Hamid Karzai is expected to be the winner out of the 18 candidates.

"To see the condition they are in and we are in makes you appreciate what our forefathers did," said 2nd Lt. John Campbell, 2nd platoon leader, Company B, 1-501st Airborne Task Force. "It was sheer genius of our forefathers to come up with checks and balance, a system where each person has a say in their government."

For Campbell, the Afghan presidential election has a special meaning. During his tour in Afghanistan, one task his platoon had was to keep the Taliban and al Qaeda militants in check at the Khowst province voter registration sites.

He and the rest of 2nd platoon accomplished this by making patrols to and around the sites. This was not always easy as the voter registration sites moved once they got all the people in that area. Campbell said one of the original 12 sites they went back to moved three times.

"Most of the sites didn't have any issues," Campbell said. "Some of the sites had Taliban or ACM (anti-coalition militia) activity in the area prior to the voter registration."

In the Khowst area, as throughout Afghanistan, there were "night letters" dropped off containing threats against anyone who works for the election process. But, the Afghan people would not let themselves be deprived of the chance to finally have a say in their government.

In the Khowst province, Afghan officials had hoped to get 30,000 people registered. When the 501st left at the end of July, more than 204,000 Afghans in that area had registered for their right to vote.

Upon his return to Alaska, Campbell and other 501st "Geronimos" did what they enabled Afghans to do. During a



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Troth

During a visit to a voter registration site in downtown Khowst, Afghanistan, 2nd Lt. John Campbell talks with Mhu-yodaen Dine about how the site was going. In the week and half that the site had been open more than 15,000 people had registered.

readiness check of his medical and personnel records his first week back in the states, Campbell, with the help of the Fort Richardson Federal Voting Assistance Program, registered to vote in the upcoming U.S. presidential elections.

"As Americans, especially as American Soldiers, we have the freedom of choice. To choose to vote or not to," Campbell stated. "That is what we (the U.S. military) are fighting for, not only in Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries, but also here in the United States."

Campbell added that he thought it was sad that with all that our military is doing to help other countries find their voice, there are still those in this country who choose not to vote, not to have a voice in their country.

It is especially sad when you look at what Afghans are enduring for that same right. In the Central Highlands of the country, voters arrived at a voting station at 3 a.m., in cold temperatures and a foot of snow, they waited for almost four hours for the station to open.

At other voting sites people waited in lines 2.5 kilometers long to make their voice heard.

Women of Konduz refused to move

when a rocket landed 200 meters from where they were waiting to vote. To leave, they said, would mean the rockets, and the people who fired them, would win. These women would defeat them by staying and voting.

Abraham Lincoln, almost a century and a half ago, had the same thoughts when he said "the ballot is stronger than the bullet."

"The Afghan people, by coming out and voting, have given the last defeat to terrorism," Karzai said in an interview with CBS news. "They have told terrorism that you are not here, you are done, this country is ours and we are going to make it."

Because of Campbell's experience in Afghanistan of fighting terrorism and helping with the registration, the upcoming U.S. elections mean more to him.

This is the second U.S. presidential election for the 23-year-old paratrooper, who four years ago cast his vote via absentee ballot from West Point.

"It makes you appreciate the American system and that it works," Campbell said.

Campbell said he was amazed to hear the first Afghan voter was a woman.

"After being over there and seeing the women in burques and knowing how the women were treated, it is amazing to now see the changes," added Campbell.

"Hopefully with our help they can build a government with the same success," the lieutenant added.

Campbell is not alone, Karzai and Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, agree that the coalition mission is not complete.

"This turning point spells the end of more than two decades of the rule of the gun in Afghanistan and confirms the bright hope of all the Afghan people in a democratic future centered on the rule of law," Barno said. "Coalition forces for the foreseeable future will certainly maintain their role here."

Soldiers of the 501st know that their time in Afghanistan helped Karzai's people, Campbell said.

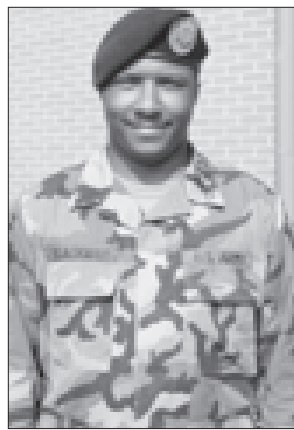
"They (my Soldiers) are all proud of what they did, of their accomplishments in Afghanistan," Campbell said. "They know that they did something that is going to impact that country for a long time. They know they did something good over there."

(Troth is a member of Task Force 1-501st PIR)

Feedback

Spc. Nicole Robus

Do you drive and talk on your cell phone? If so, do you use hands free? Why or why not?



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Pfc. Michael Blackman
HHC, USAG



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Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Fisher
Medical Hold Company



Yes, I use hands free but it can get annoying at times.

Spc. Taterian Lester
HHC, USAG



I don't normally talk and drive but when I do I use a hands free headset. I use the hands free so I can concentrate on my driving.

Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Swain Jr.
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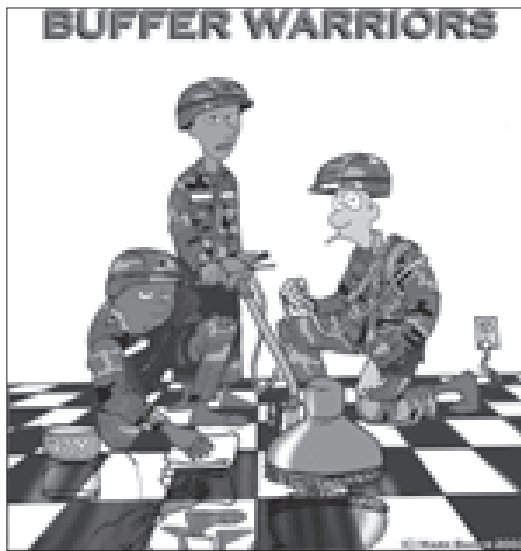


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'Band-Aid' protects best

Jennifer Chipman
EAMC public affairs officer

A recent study conducted by Maj. Kirk Waibel, chief of Allergy Services, and Lt. Col. Douglas Walsh, chief of Dermatology Service at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, has revealed that a simple Band-Aid may be the simplest way to ensure the smallpox virus is not spread after the vaccination.

In December 2002, the Army began vaccinating Soldiers and some of its civilian workforce for smallpox out of concern that terrorists may use the virus as a weapon.

The smallpox vaccine contains a live virus that can be accidentally spread to other parts of the body or to other people, until the scab from the vaccination falls off. This is of particular concern for people who live with their families or who take care of patients.

"Covering the site with a bandage may lower the chances for this to happen," said Waibel, "but we did not know what type of bandage would work best."

The random study involved 63 Soldiers who had never been vaccinated for smallpox and were between the ages of 18 and 35 years old.

A week after they were vaccinated, each Soldier was randomly selected to use one of three types of bandages being tested

in the study. Group one used a common self adhesive bandage, similar to the type most people keep in medicine cabinets for minor cuts. Group two used a gauze pad and tape; and group three used a gauze pad protected by a semi-porous cover. After each Soldier was bandaged, he or she was asked to go about their day as they normally would, but they were not to bathe or change the bandage.

At the end of the day, each Soldier returned to the Allergy Clinic where the bandage was swabbed. Then the bandage was removed and another swab was rolled over the vaccination site. These samples were then sent to the EAMC laboratory where they were checked for the presence of the smallpox virus.

"What we found was a simple Band-Aid worked as well as the two bulkier dressings in keeping the virus from reaching the outer surface of the bandage. This information is important for doctors to tell their patients that a simple bandage is just as good as other more expensive and bulkier bandages in preventing the chance for accidental contact transmission," Walsh said.

According to Walsh and Waibel, using the Band-Aid simplifies the process for the Soldier who has been vaccinated to protect himself and others from spreading the virus.

"Using a Band-Aid is easy for most

people," said Walsh. "Everyone has put a Band-Aid on their own cuts or abrasions at one time or another."

The study was published in the Oct. 1 edition of "Clinical Infectious Diseases," pages 1095-1103.



Photo by Kathleen Haskell

A recent study at Eisenhower Army Medical Center indicates that a simple Band-Aid can prevent the smallpox virus from spreading to other parts of the body or to other people.

DoD to launch anti-flu drive

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is launching a vigorous public health campaign aimed at preventing the flu in those who won't qualify to get a flu shot this season.

"To borrow a phrase from Franklin Roosevelt from many years ago, and I think it applies: The greatest thing we have to fear 'is fear itself,'" said Dr. William Winkenwerder, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs said in an interview Oct. 21. "This is a very manageable problem, a very manageable situation. Speaking for the military, I think we'll be able to manage this situation without any difficulty."

In fact, Winkenwerder said, there's a chance "we could have a low influenza season" with all the effort to target the vaccine for higher-risk individuals "and being very ... forward leaning, and pushing out our messages for all others on how to prevent the spread of infection."

Winkenwerder said the messages are very simple but important. He mentioned the

oft-repeated preventive practices of washing your hands and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze. If you get sick, he noted, "then stay away from other people. In fact, if you really feel bad, don't come into work. Don't spread an illness."

Winkenwerder said the Tricare Web site will have these tips and more. DoD will also get the message out via posters, newspapers, radio and television.

With the shortage of flu vaccine, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are asking healthy Americans to forgo getting a flu shot this year. In DoD this means servicemembers who are not deploying and healthy family members not in the high-risk groups will not get the shot.

CDC officials said there are no current outbreaks of the flu, "but we really haven't gotten into the season yet." Officials also believe this will be a fairly typical flu season. They said with the increased attention surrounding the vaccine shortage they hope that people will pay more attention to preventive measures.

Flu

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Priority 1: Deployed or deploying (with orders) servicemembers and others designated as critical to national defense.

Priority 2: Medically high risk in accordance with CDC/ACIP guidelines. This group includes:

- People who are 65 years old or older
- Children 6 to 23 months old

• Adults and children with a chronic health condition (heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer or HIV/AIDS)

• Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities

• Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy

• Healthcare workers involved in direct patient care

• Out of home caregivers and household contacts of children younger than 6 months

Priority 3: Basic trainees and AIT Soldiers

Priority 4: Non deployed healthy active-duty

Priority 5: Other healthy eligible beneficiaries

The bottom line is that everyone who wants a flu shot this season will not be able to get one. However, you can still protect yourself from the flu even if your priority group

is not vaccinated. These simple actions can stop the spread of germs and help protect you from getting sick:

- Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

- Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

- Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their eyes, nose or mouth.

Maintaining good habits, such as getting plenty of sleep, exercising, managing stress and eating healthful foods, will help you stay well not only during this flu season but year-round.

However, rest assured that if an outbreak of influenza occurs, antiviral medications can be prescribed to prevent further spread of infection.

For additional information go to www.cdc.gov/flu or contact the Eisenhower Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office at 787-5301 or the Department of Preventive Medicine at 787-3547/5354.

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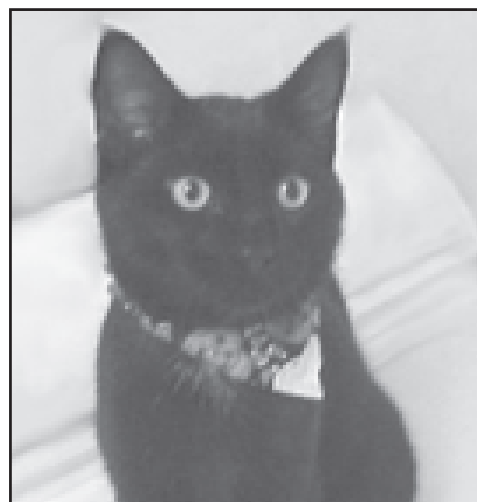
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Comedy casts a wide 'Net' at dinner theatre

'Caught in the Net' promises confusion, lots of laughs

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Confusion can be funny, and in the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre production of "Caught in the Net," confusion reigns.

Steve Walpert directs and plays the lead as John Smith, a man who has two wives and two families in two different districts of London.

In this sequel to "Run for your Wife," Smith's two teen-age children by different wives meet on the Internet. They discover they have so much in common that they should meet.

Throw in lots of locked doors and plenty of mistaken identity, and the show, which opens Friday, promises plenty of hilarity.

To make comedy happen the way it's supposed to, actors have to work hard and make it look easy.

"It's more complicated for the ac-

tors than the audience. Timing has to be critical," said Walpert.

What's most confusing for the actors lies in the play's construction. The set is the apartments of both families. Actors will be on stage simultaneously.

"It's almost like a TV show. It switches back and forth" between action in different households, said Staff Sgt. Gary Pullen, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, who was back at Fort Gordon only three weeks before auditioning for his role of Stanley.

Bonnie Welder, who last appeared in dinner theatre's production of "Mousetrap," said she wanted to be in the play because it was such a challenge.

"You have to know the entire script," she said as the action shifts between the two sides of the stage.

Tickets cost \$21-\$33 (depending on rank) for the show and dinner; \$16 for the show only. For information or tickets, call 793-8552.



Photo by Denise Allen

(From left) Spc. David Salai, Bob Schwamberger and Staff Sgt. Gary Pullen, and Bonnie Welder and Whitney Kazragis rehearse for "Caught in the Net." Performances begin Friday.

On road: performers live up to title of ambassadors

Mark Heeter
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — As the students filed into the upper level of seats in the concert hall, the crescendo of children's voices matched the rise in the swirling musical sound of rehearsing musicians coming from the stage at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 19.

A short time later, thumping blues beats mixed with the students' singing in a truly interactive concert.

"That's what we're about — connecting with those kids," said Master Sgt. Tom Enokian, a percussionist with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus.

Living up to their billing as the Musical Ambassadors of the Army, the group opened the day with the concert for the Tennes-

see children and closed later that evening after a show across the state line in Cullman, Ala.

"Traveling is not a glamorous lifestyle. It's extremely hard to be away from your families, but we thoroughly enjoy these kiddie shows," Enokian said, referring to the special shows the performers offer students along their tour routes.

The performing arts center, which sponsored a separately scheduled band stop the previous evening, asked the coordinating team from the field band about the possibility of performing for a group of students.

"We decided that, for the opportunity to play for these students, it was worthwhile," said Sgt. Maj. Mike McGhee, non-commissioned officer in charge of operations.

Col. Finley Hamilton, commander and conductor of the Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus,

said the show opens up many horizons for the children.

"We're just trying to plant a seed that the Army's a nice place to be, a nice place to work, and it's full of nice people," Hamilton said, adding that two shows in one day puts some extra pressure on the performers.

"But hopefully they'll have enough recovery time — on the bus, in the afternoon — to do a good show tonight," he said, while the Soldiers finished the equipment breakdown following the Nashville show.

And what a breakdown it is, according to McGhee.

"There's almost 18,000 pounds of gear that just left here, that will come off a tractor trailer tonight and get loaded in. And the musicians do all that," McGhee said.

For more information about the group, go to www.army.mil/fieldband.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rose Ryon

The Precision Boot Drill Team performs its routine as part of the Army Field Band concert in Nashville last week.

Class in session

The Fort Gordon Brigade and Battalion Pre-Command Course is in session here through Nov. 5.

The following command designees are attending Class 001-05: Col. Gary Thorne, 7th Signal Brigade, Mannheim, Germany; Col. Kenneth Wheeler, Project Manager Constructive Simulations, Orlando Fla.; Lt. Col. Michael Zarbo, Product Manager Combat

Training Instrumentation Systems, Orlando, Fla.; Lt. Col. Timothy Walrod, 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll, Korea; Lt. Col. Michael Plummer, 67th Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon; Lt. Col. Thomas Flanders, Project Manager Global Transportation Network XXI, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

For information call John Helmick or Staff Sgt. James Webb Jr. at 791-5920/3007.

Signaleer volunteers as stem cell donor

Maj. Thomas Keller
Special to the Signal

FORT DETRICK, Md. — While in-processing for his first duty assignment, Spc. David Norman was offered the opportunity to volunteer as a stem cell donor for research study. He thought it sounded like a good idea at the time. Four years later he received the call to make that donation.

Beginning Aug. 2 at Georgetown University Hospital, Norman, an HF Radio Operator with the 114th Signal Battalion, began receiving a medication, Filgrastim, by injection just under the skin each day for four days. The purpose was to boost his stem cell production to prepare for the transplant process.

The injections are a synthetic version of a hormone that occurs naturally in the body. The doses received brought the level in the blood up to what would happen naturally if there were a significant infection.

On the fifth day, Norman reported to an aphaeresis collection center matching the recipient's transplant date. There Norman's stem cells were collected and then transported to the location of the recipient by a courier. The collection process is a four- to five-hour procedure where the blood is removed from a vein in one arm, passed through tubing in a blood cell separator machine (which collects the particular white cells containing stem cells) and returned through a vein in the other arm.

There are possible side effects from both the procedure and the medication. Since this is a research project there is little known about long term effects at this time.

Once fully informed, Norman still felt that the possible end results were worth the possible discomfort he might experience. He does not know who the recipient of his stem cells was, but holds the optimistic view that his cells provided the added boost to the recipient's system to beat his or her disease.

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Freedom Park Elementary students have new outlook on school

Andrew Maykovich
Special to the Signal

The students at Freedom Park Elementary School have a new reason to look forward to going to school everyday thanks to the generous donations of several local organizations.

The school's Parent Teacher Association recently undertook a drive to raise money for playground equipment. The school had almost no sports equipment for the children to use during physical education, forcing as many as three classes of children to do little more than run around in an open field.

But that all changed due to generous donations from the Augusta Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Friends of Freedom Park School, The Fort Gordon Chapter 95 Federal Managers Association, CM Tech, Military Order of World Wars and the

Augusta Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Tracy Shaffer, the PTA's president, and PTA member Annette Maykovich, contacted Ron Saeger of the Augusta AUSA to request a donation to assist in purchasing some of the required equipment.

Saeger coordinated the donation through the AUSA executive board as well as the other organizations.

Within 10 days, the organizations combined to donate more than \$3,500 worth of equipment, which was enough money to purchase all the exercise equipment required by the school and more.

The school received three overhead projectors, a DVD player, eight CD players to assist in the Voyager Reader Program, two portable basketball goals, gym mats, four soccer goals, seven orange cone sets, eight ball bags, 20 hula hoops,

three bowling pin sets and approximately 100 assorted balls. Through the generosity of several local businesses, including the Fort Gordon PXtra, Saeger was able to get special discounts that brought the actual purchase price to \$2,400.

On Oct. 18, Col. Jack Bryant, Signal Center chief of staff, was on hand as Saeger presented the equipment to Rita Bradley, FPES principal. After the presentation, many of the students took the time to thank Saeger, claiming PE "is a lot more fun now."

"This is an excellent example of the great work organizations such as AUSA do to support our military families," Shaffer said.

"Without their support it is very unlikely Freedom Park would have received this equipment, certainly not this quickly. We are indebted to everyone involved in making this a reality for our kids."



Photo by Sherri Goings

Rita Bradley, Freedom Park principal; Ron Saeger, Friends of Freedom Park; Tracey Shaffer, PTA president; Jeff Major, AUSA; and David Scouten 'test' the new equipment.



Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus

Red ribbons all around

Keith Clum, director of the Army substance abuse program on post, along with N.A. Padgett, a volunteer from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, hand out fliers about the MADD program and red ribbons to a woman and her child at the Post Exchange. Soldiers from 15th Regimental Signal Brigade were also present at the PX handing out ribbons to those who passed by them.

The national Red Ribbon campaign is an annual event that is celebrated by states, communities, and nationally during the last week of October. The purpose is to focus attention on the negative influence that substance abuse brings upon schools, family relationships, workplaces, and neighborhoods. The theme for this year is "DRUG FREE – I have the POWER!" This year Fort Gordon Drug and Alcohol Control Office teamed up with representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) by setting up displays and handing out Red Ribbons at the post exchange, commissary and Eisenhower Medical Center Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The group also held classes at Freedom Park Elementary and Butler High School.

Veterans Day observances and ceremonies

Brookwood Elementary is having an annual Veterans Day observance with a "Salute to America" musical by the school band **Nov. 1 at 2:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Brookwood Elementary School is at 455 South Old Belair Rd., in Grovetown. Performances are dedicated to the Fort Gordon Soldiers who are deployed or have been deployed to the Middle East. Servicemembers from the 93d Signal Brigade and Family Support Group members will attend each of the performances and will represent each unit on post who has deployed Soldiers. A representative from each performance will be presented a token of the school's appreciation for what all the Soldiers do for our country.

Glascoc County Historical Society is having its annual Veterans Day observance at the Masonic Lodge in Gibson, Ga., **Nov. 6 at 11 a.m.** Col. Lori Sussman, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade commander, is the guest speaker.

Edgefield County Veterans Affairs Office is having its annual Veterans Day program at Strom Thurmond High School stadium **Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.** Strom Thurmond High School is located at 1131 Columbia Rd., Johnston, S.C. The Signal Corps Band is scheduled to play at the event. The guest speaker is Col. Charles Dunn III, Battle Command/Battle Laboratory director. Veterans will march/file into the stadium and be recognized. A fireworks display will follow the speaker.

Jefferson Elementary School is holding its annual Veterans Day ceremony/concert **Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.** at the school in Warrenville, S.C. The Signal Corps Band's brass quintet is scheduled to play at the event.

Lakeside High School is holding its annual Veterans Day program **Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.** at the First Baptist Church located at 3500 Walton Way, in Augusta. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, EAMC commander. The Lakeside High School Wind Ensemble will provide music.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution is holding a Veterans Day

celebration **Nov. 10 from 2-4 p.m.** at the Federal Correctional Institution, Staff Training Center located at 501 Gary Hill Rd., Edgefield, S.C. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Richard Karlsson, Fort Gordon director of public safety.

Greenbrier High School is holding its annual Veterans Day observances **Nov. 11 at 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.** Greenbrier High School gymnasium is located at 5114 Riverwood Parkway, in Evans. The guest speaker is Col. Jack Bryant, Fort Gordon chief of staff.

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home is holding its annual Veterans Day ceremony **Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.** The nursing home is located at 1101 Fifteenth Street, in Augusta. The joint service color guard and the Signal Corps Band from Fort Gordon will participate in the event. The guest speaker for the event is Col. Jeffrey Smith, Fort Gordon deputy commander.

Augusta/CSRA Area Veterans Activities Office will hold its annual Veterans Day parade **Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.** on Broad Street in Augusta. Fort Gordon support includes the joint service color guard, Signal Corps Band, marching units and a military vehicle (parade humvee). Adrian Cronauer, "Good Morning Vietnam" broadcaster, will also be in the parade.

Augusta/CSRA Area Veterans Activities Office will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony **Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to noon.** The ceremony will be at the Veterans' of All Wars Monument. Fort Gordon support includes a joint service color guard, firing squad and a bugler. The guest speaker is retired Chaplain (Col.) Edwin J. Rowan III. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at the city parking garage.

City of Augusta and the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society is holding its Veterans Day observance with special emphasis on Vietnam War veterans **Nov. 11 at 1 p.m.** at the Heroes' Overlook, Riverwalk. Fort Gordon support includes the Signal Corps Band, a joint service color guard and a firing squad. The guest speaker is Adrian Cronauer, "Good Morning Vietnam" broadcaster.



Marines make condolence payments to Najafis

American Forces Press Service

FORWARD OPERATING BASE DUKE, Iraq – Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit distributed more than \$570,000 in condolence and collateral-damage-repair payments on Oct. 25 to show good will to Iraqis caught in the crossfire.

The payments were for damages caused during fighting in Najaf in August 2003, officials with Multinational Force Iraq announced.

Payments began on Sept. 30 and have resulted in a total of \$1.9 million disbursed to more than 2,660 Najaf residents.

Officials assured that payments will continue as long as needed to meet each valid case.

Condolence payments,

known as "solatia," are paid to express sympathy to those injured or who lost a family member during the fighting. Collateral-damage-repair payments are intended for Iraqis who experienced damage to their homes, businesses or other property.

Subsequently, 11th MEU Marines continue to spend millions of dollars to contract local Iraqi businessmen and workers to repair public infrastructure damaged during the fighting.

"Now that Najaf is secure, we're working around the clock to get this city up and running again," said Col. Anthony Haslam, the unit's commanding officer.

"These payments are one way we are showing goodwill and building trust with the locals."

(From a Multinational Force Iraq press release.)

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services
Sunday

9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:00 a.m. • Community Contemporary Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel
10:30 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

Catholic Services

11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
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Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 1245-1:30, and Apr-Oct from 1:30-2:30.

These are held in Bldg. 38804, Academic Drive.
For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

Denominational Services

LDS Service - Sunday 1:30-3:30 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel
Samoan Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Religious Education

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Education Center
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes, Religious Education Center (Sept. thru May).

Other Programs/Services

Episcopalian Soldier Representative is Kurt Miller at 791-0213
LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representative is Chaplain Snyder, 791-4683.

Rosh Hashana (Sept. 16-17)

Sept. 15: Evening service & dinner 6:45 (please RSVP for dinner)
Sept. 16: 9:30 a.m. Services • 7:00 p.m. Mincha & Tashlich
Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. Services

Yom Kippur (Sept. 25)

Sept. 24: 6:45 p.m., Kol Nidrei • Sept. 25: 9:30 a.m. Services, (fast ends at 7:58 p.m.)

Sukkot (Sept. 30-Oct. 6)

Sept. 29: 7:15 (first night)

Sept. 30: 9:30 a.m. services

Oct. 1: 9:30 a.m. services

Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah (Oct. 7-8)

Oct. 7: 7:00 p.m. services

Oct. 8: 9:30 a.m. services

Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959

Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945

Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)

Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056

Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

Religious Education

Protestant/Catholic Program, Mr. Randall Dillard 791-4703

**For additional information, call 791-4683
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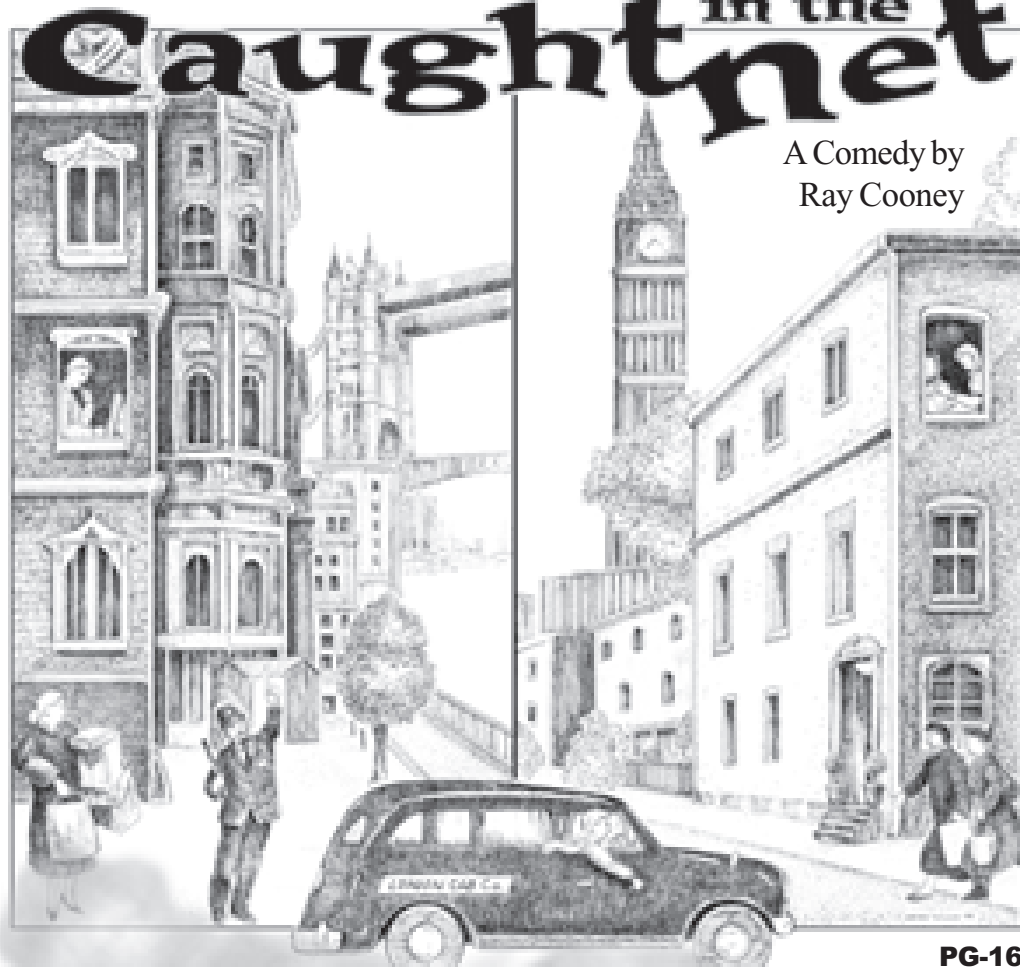
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AUSA lauds Soldiers as core of 'Army at War'

Tom Mani
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – There are three blocks of hardware in the exhibition halls of the Washington Convention Center, but the opening ceremony of the Association of the United States Army Monday focused on "the Soldier."

Images of Soldiers in action scrolled and flashed on screens visible from every seat in the cavernous ballroom to orchestration of the Army Band, leading in to a drill sergeant's final foot-

locker talk to basic trainees about the challenges they would face.

The Military District of Washington's opening segment, drawing on Soldier-performers who took part in the command's Spirit of America shows in September, highlighted the values and warrior ethos the trainees were learning with portrayals of Soldiers, present and past.

SOLDIERING 'AFFAIR OF HEART'

Later, Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee spoke briefly about Army transformation, but at length about the Soldier and values that have

been "an unwavering guide to doing what is right, doing what the American people expect of their Army."

Soldiering is a "challenging proposition" and yet also "an affair of the heart," Brownlee said after recounting three years of war and the contributions and sacrifices being made in Iraq and elsewhere.

"Some in this country have charged that the situation in Iraq is getting progressively worse," Brownlee said.

"You who have been there know the truth, and so do the people of Iraq – things are getting better, not worse."

Despite setbacks and pain caused by insurgents in some parts of Iraq, there is now hope in the country due "in great part to the service and sacrifices of American Soldiers."

Brownlee compared World War II's "greatest generation" to the men and women of today, saying that just as Pearl Harbor was the "call to arms" then, "9/11 made it brutally clear to every American that once again our country was at war."

SOLDIERS ENGAGED WORLDWIDE
"The Army is decisively engaged in fighting terrorism, but our Soldiers

are also building crucial alliances; training other militaries in the tenets of democracy and civilian control; executing counter-drug operations; and providing disaster relief and humanitarian assistance," Brownlee said.

"These missions are equally important to our national security (because) they help to increase global stability, to prevent the development of serious crises and to demonstrate the good will of the American people."

(Mani heads the MDW News Service and serves as command information officer for the U.S. Army MDW.)

Premo

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"This kind of great effort is only possible through the hard work of the entire Signal Center, TRADOC and Army team," said Premo. "I cannot remember another time ... when the process of getting capabilities into the hands of Soldiers who need them has worked this well."

And Premo is confident in the next generation of Soldiers.

"Because we are an Army at war, the next years will be challenging for Soldiers and the nation. Our Soldiers have proven that they have the courage, selflessness and dedication to succeed in peace and war," he said.

As far as retirement goes, Premo plans to take a short vacation and then get back into the networks business with industry.

Looking back at his career, he said "I have been blessed."

Premo never intended to make the Army a career when he drove through the main gate at Fort Gordon in 1972.

"I found, however, that I enjoyed it so much, kept getting such challenging assign-

ments, and was constantly able to work with such superb Soldiers, NCOs and officers, that I never wanted to leave," he said.

Premo said he would have done things slightly differently if he were to do it over.

"The first thing that comes to mind is that I never properly thanked all of those who have given so much to me and my family over the past 30 years," he said.

"No one ever succeeds in the Army or any other profession alone," he said.

"Every success is built upon the effort of others."

He said that in dealing with the crunch of daily problems, one forgets to say thank you, and that it is especially true with family.

He added it is important they maintain a good sense of humor during trying times and always care for Soldiers and their families.

"Success will come from developing the qualities of a leader and always doing the very best you can in every position and in every mission," said Premo.

"Because we are an Army at war, the next years will be challenging for Soldiers and the nation."

Brig. Gen. Greg Premo
Former post deputy commanding general

AUSA

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Sgt. Christopher Pryor, HHC U.S. Army Garrison, was chosen post NCO of the fourth quarter.

"It felt great," Pryor said about being sent to D.C., adding that he would encourage others to excel and participate in things such as boards.

Sgt. Terrilski Davis, HHC 93rd Signal Brigade, was chosen post Cook of the fourth quarter.

"It's an honor to be in the capital," said Davis. "It's awesome."

Staff Sgt. Moises Robles, Company C, a drill sergeant assigned to 551st Signal Battalion, was chosen post NCO of the 3rd Quarter.

"It means a lot – you get to see a lot of the Soldiers from different posts, especially those just coming back from Iraq," said Robles. "You get to see the new technology that is being put out."

He said getting picked to represent post is "a big deal."

Bob Damen, president of the Greater Augusta-Fort Gordon AUSA Chapter, said he was pleased to be able to bring these Soldiers to D.C. so they could experience "what is probably the most grand-scale professional development week for any Soldier in the Army."

He said it gave these Soldiers exposure to Soldiers of all ranks because it was well attended by the Army leadership.

"I enjoy being around Soldiers – meeting them, talking to them," said Damen. "I am so proud of the young people we have in the Army."

The convention – the motto

this year being "Our Army at War: Relevant and Ready" – was a way for the organization to thank Soldiers for what they do, and recognize them and different AUSA chapters that have excelled throughout the course of the year.

Later Monday, the Fort Gordon Soldiers attended the Sergeant Major of the Army Luncheon where they got the chance to eat lunch with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, and Soldiers from installations all over the world.

That night the Soldiers were allowed to meet and greet as well as dine with Brownlee, Schoomaker and Preston at the President's Reception dinner.

Tuesday began early with the Sergeant Major of the Army Conference with Outstanding Soldiers. There, Soldiers were given the opportunity to interact with Preston in a question and answer segment.

Soldiers later attended a luncheon and toured the exhibition hall where hundreds of vendors had booths set up to showcase their wares.

Wednesday the Soldiers ended their AUSA experience with a tour of Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

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Community Events

Fall cleanup

Fort Gordon's fall cleanup is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Friday** for housing areas. All housing occupants are expected to participate; more information is available from area coordinators.

Cleanup for unit, billeting, departmental, training and common areas is **Nov. 15-19**. More information is available in Garrison Tasking Letter 04-289.

For information, call Sgt. Maj. Steven Goulet at 791-6483 or 840-4963.

Gate hours

Gate hours have been revised. New hours are: Gate 5 – Open 24 hours a day (when at Force Protection Condition Alpha) effective immediately. Gate 2 – Open 4:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for decayed inbound vehicles and all outbound vehicles, effective Nov. 8. Gate 3 – Closes at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, effective Nov. 8.

Volunteers needed

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is looking for 15 volunteers to help with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 9 at Freedom Park. Volunteers will serve as Santa's Elves and help with photos and refreshments. If interested, e-mail Ayanna Wiggins at wigginsa@gordon.army.mil.

German Italian ceremony

German and Italian soldiers buried in a cemetery near Gate 2 will be remembered in a 2 p.m. ceremony **Friday** at the cemetery.

The annual event honors 21 German and one Italian prisoners of war from World War II.

Of the 22 soldiers buried in the cemetery, eight, including the Italian, died at Camp Gordon, as the installation was then known. The remains of the others were brought here from POW camps in Georgia and South Carolina.

Massing of the Colors

The annual Massing of the Colors ceremony is 2 p.m. **Nov. 7** at the Good Shepherd Chapel.

The patriotic ceremony of the Military Order of World Wars allows military and national patriotic organizations in the area to bring their colors together in a demonstration of patriotism.

Education week activities

American Education Week is **Nov. 14-20**; the theme is "Educating the American Soldiers – Guardians of the American Dream."

The Education and Services Division and the Directorate of Human Resources have the following activities scheduled:

Nov. 16 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Education Fair on the third

floor of Eisenhower Army Medical Center

Nov. 17 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. – Great American Cookout and presentations by local and visiting colleges and universities at the Education Center, Building 21606.

For information, call Gloria McIntyre at 791-2000.

BOSS trip

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is offering a trip to Universal Studios, Island of Adventure, and Wet-n-Wild **Nov. 10-14**.

The cost is \$214 per person (quad occupancy) and includes transportation, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and park tickets. For information call Sgt. Ukema Moore-Reese at 791-9095 or Ayanna Wiggins at 791-7862.

Native American heritage program

The installation observes Native American heritage month **Monday** at 1:30 p.m. in Alexander Hall, with Lucian Lamar Sneed as the guest speaker. Sneed is the executive director of the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee.

Sneed is acknowledged as one of the top historians on southeastern Indian culture, with special interest in the Cherokee Indians. He served six years of active duty with the regular Army and 21 years with the Georgia Army National Guard.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 791-2014.

Spending account enrollment

The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program open season begins **Nov. 8** and runs through **Dec. 13**.

Unlike FEHB enrollments, enrollment in FSAFEDS does not carry over from year to year. Employees wishing to join or continue in FSAFEDS for 2005 must enroll in the program.

For more information, go to <http://www.FSAFEDS.com>.

Health benefits

The Health Benefit Plan selection period is **now** through **Nov. 12** for NAF employees. The next open season is in fall 2005.

For more information go to <http://www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/NAF/open%20Season%202004%20Brochure.doc>

Trick or treat hours

Fort Gordon Trick or Treat hours are 6-8 p.m. **today**. MPs will block the following roads beginning at 5 p.m.:

- Gordon Terrace: Brainard Avenue and 47th Street.
- McNair Terrace: Garlington Drive.
- Olive Terrace: North Range Road and Lilac Court, and 45th and Third avenues.
- Maglin Terrace: Maglin and Myer drives.

No one will be allowed to enter the housing areas after the roads are blocked. Walking patrols will be in Gordon, McNair and Olive terraces.

Residents in the housing areas are encouraged to leave their porch lights on even if not handing out candy to help with safety.

FEHB open season

The Open Season for federal employees to make health benefit changes is **Nov. 8 to Dec. 13**.

For information, go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/qa/index.asp>.

Fall carnival

New Life Christian Center presents its sixth annual free fall carnival from 3-7 p.m. **Saturday** at 3336 Wrightsboro Rd.

There will be free games, a funtown, prizes, a rock wall, children's inflatable rides and entertainment. Free soft drink, hot dog and snack provided. Call 738-2526 for more information.

Tops in Blue

The U.S. Air Force's Tops in Blue offers a night of family entertainment at Alexander Hall at 7 p.m. **Nov. 10**.

Tops in Blue is a high-energy variety show similar to the Army's Soldier Show.

Admission is free; seating is limited, plan to arrive one hour before the show.

Free tutoring

The Augusta State University Literacy Center offers free tutoring from 4-8 p.m. **Monday** through **Fridays** (closed Wednesdays).

One-on-one tutoring is available for all ages under the supervision of a certified teacher. Call 733-7043 for information.

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents "Caught in the Net," a comedy by Ray Cooney.

The show plays **Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19** and **20**; dinner at 7 p.m., the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$33; seniors, retirees, DA civilians and E-8 and above \$31; E-7 and below \$21; show only \$16.

For information, go to www.fortgordon.com or call 793-8552.

Fun run

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Association Fort Gordon Chapter is having its annual 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. **Nov. 6** starting at Hazen



Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus

Does it fit?

Savvy bargain-hunting shoppers scoured Fort Gordon Saturday during the semi-annual yard sale. The sale is one of two times each year post residents may hold a yard sale.

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Sunday brunch

The Gordon Club offers Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekly.

Cost is \$12 for adults; \$7 ages 5-9; \$3 ages 2-4. Call 791-6780 for information.

Houses wanted

The Officers' Spouses' Club, in conjunction with the Fort Gordon Community, presents "The Fort Gordon Tour of Homes" from 1-4 p.m. **Nov. 14**.

Volunteers from all housing areas are needed to open their homes for this event.

For information call Gail Fitzpatrick at 651-8933.

Dog show

Molly's "Nutts About Mutts" Dog Show is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Saturday**, at Harrison-Caver Park in Clearwater, S.C.

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Contests include longest tail, best trick, largest and smallest dog, and more.

Prizes awarded in all categories. Admission is \$3 for adults, kids 12 and under free. Contest fees are \$10

per contest, three for \$25 or six for \$40.

For information call 2nd Lt. Mario Rosario at 791-6449.

Symposium registration

The U.S. Army Signal Center and the Augusta, Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association host the Signal Regimental Symposium from **Nov. 29 to Dec. 3**.

The theme is "LandWarNet – Networking the Force in the Joint Fight."

Registration for the Symposium is now being accepted. Online registration is available until **Nov. 19**.

This year there is no charge or badge requirement for local registrants; however those planning to attend sessions during the Symposium must register on the Fort Gordon webpage at www.gordon.army.mil/symposium/2004.

Local registrants may pay the full registration fee and receive a badge for full Symposium access.

Contractors working on Fort Gordon who plan to attend the Symposium workshops, general sessions and exhibit hall grand opening must pay the \$75 registration fee by Nov. 8 or \$100 after Nov. 8.

All those who pay and register online will receive their badges in the mail.

Special events not included in the registration are:

AFCEA/AUSA/SCRA Luncheon – \$15

AFCEA Gala Dinner – \$30

AUSA Golf Tournament – \$50

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening (included in the registration fee) – \$15.

For information, call 2nd Lt. Steve Kaiser, Capt. Jonathan Stamberg or Sgt. Maj. Derrick Taylor at 791-7800/2691.

CIA jobs

The Central Intelligence Agency is hiring separating and retiring servicemembers for jobs in the Washington area.

Applications will be accepted online at www.cia.gov until **Monday**. Interviews will be held Nov. 30 at Bolling AFB.

For information contact the ACAP Center at 791-7333.

Craft fair

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is having a craft fair from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Nov. 6** at 402 Aumond Rd. For information, call 733-6076.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.

Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Oct. 29-31
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Permits

The Hunting and Fishing Permit office has moved from Ring Hall to the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex on Carter Road (past the Gordon Lakes Golf Course on the right). Hours for selling permits are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Outdoor recreation

The Army's Clark Hill Recreation Area offers camping, water skiing, fishing, hiking, biking and more.

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Race

The 1st Living Light Village River Run will be held **Saturday** at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion in Martinez along the Augusta Canal.

Events include an 8K race, two-mile race, one-mile race, and 100-yard Tot Trot. Race day registration is from 7 to 8 a.m.

Awards will be given for each race, with prize drawings.

For more information, call 284-2879 or e-mail rgaines002@comcast.net.

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Runners make strong showing at Ten-Miler

Pfc. Armando Monroig

Signal staff

The sound of more than 40,000 feet pounding the pavement filled the air as thousands of participants gathered for the annual Army 10-Miler.

Their pulse pounded as hard as their feet did the pavement, with each mile that passed bringing them closer to their destination.

What began with the blast of ceremonial cannon fire only ended after they endured a race that many might not have the fortitude to attempt.

Although the cold, cloudy day might have hindered some runners, it did not hold back Soldiers representing Fort Gordon in the 20th annual iteration of the race.

The Fort Gordon team posted a 22nd place finish in the Military - Active Mix category, while the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion team took 21st in the Military - Active Men category.

Even when it began to rain slightly, runners continued their mission exemplifying the "never quit, never say die" attitude that Soldiers have.

What began as training more than six months ago with more than 700 miles logged, culminated Sunday.

The teams consisted of 35 runners and trained five days a week, up to 13 miles each day, mixing it up with sprinting and runs on steep hills to prepare for the arduous task.

They also incorporated weight training, aerobics and weapons physical training with weapons.

The course took its participants through the streets of Washington D.C., the Pentagon, and national monuments.

Sgt. 1st Class Marc Nash, Headquarters and Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion, and coach of the Fort Gordon and 442nd Ten-Miler teams, said they were there to represent Fort Gordon, run to the best of their abilities, meet some good people and have a good time doing so.

"Our esprit de corps was way up there, our morale was high - we brought our unit together," Nash said of the training.

"This is a great event," said Nash. "Just coming up here to experience the run is something you'll never forget."

"This is a great race - I had a lot of fun running it," said 2nd Lt. Allison Capozza, Company B, 442nd Signal Battalion, and second-time Army Ten-Miler participant.

"It's a very unique experience,"



Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Thousands of runners withstood rain and temperatures in the 40s for the annual Army Ten-Miler Oct. 24, a kickoff for the annual Association of the United States Army meeting in Washington, D.C.

said Capozza, who finished with an unofficial time of 1 hour and 22 minutes. "It's incredible when you get up to the starting line, even if you are feeling a little bit of the jitters."

She said it was great being around 20,000 runners, hearing people singing cadence, and hearing the cannons firing as the race began.

Sgt. 1st Class Joey Gaspard, Company A, 442nd and first time Ten-Miler runner, finished with the fastest time for the team with an unofficial time of one hour and seven minutes.

"Training was really good - really hard," said Gaspard.

"It took people way above what was required," added Gaspard.

He said that Soldiers of the 442nd proved that they can accomplish anything and set a good example for their Soldiers at Fort Gordon by participating in this event.

Sgt. Maj. Arnett Johnson, 442nd, said he always wanted to participate in the Ten-Miler and is glad he did.

"It builds morale plus, being a senior noncommissioned officer, doing something like this shows the young Soldiers that even the older Soldiers can do it so they should jump on the band wagon," said the 42-year-old runner.

Sgt. 1st Class James Lowery, Headquarters and Company A,

442nd, and also a first time runner, said running in the Army Ten-Miler was a fun experience for him.

"Training for this was a challenge but I set a goal for myself to just come out here and do the best I could," said Lowery, who finished in one hour and 42 minutes. "I said to myself, 'I am not going to quit.'"

Lowery said his participation on the Ten-Miler was made even sweeter because his wife trained for and ran in the race as well.

"Coming up here - the whole experience - was a lot of fun," said Lowery, adding that part of the fun was running with so many people. "I really enjoyed being in D.C."

For those interested in participating in next year's race, go to www.armytenmiler.com.

Nash said that those on post interested in running next year should contact units on post who will participate and train with them.

The winner of the 20th annual Army Ten-Miler was Capt. Dan Browne, member of the Oregon National Guard, finishing with a time of 47 minutes and 29 seconds setting a new course record in the men's race.

Capt. Ryan Kirkpatrick was the runner-up finishing at 48 minutes and 43 seconds.

In third place was Luigi La Bella

'America's Army' ranks in top 5

Kelli Petermeyer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - After two years, the official U.S. Army game has registered more than 4 million users and is now one of the top five games in the world.

The creative minds behind "America's Army" said they take every opportunity to explore ways to improve the realism of the game to keep up with its growing popularity, including the Serious Games Summit held in the nation's capital Oct. 18-19.

The summit gave the Army game developers, based out of the Office of Economic Manpower Analysis at the United States Military Academy, an opportunity to meet with other Serious Games developers and showcase the Army program.

The number of Serious Games being developed has been increasing rapidly in recent years, according to the Serious Games Summit Web site.

These interactive games go beyond the traditional video game, and include applications focused on training, education, visualization, health and therapy.

GAME VIRTUALLY TELLS SOLDIER STORY
"America's Army is a communications tool which is designed for free download on the Internet, and it's a tool that kids can use to try on being a Soldier - virtually," said Col. Casey Wardynski, director of the OEMA, project director of America's Army and associate professor of economics at the USMA.

The game allows people to take a look inside the Army and see what it's like to be a Soldier, Wardynski said.

They can go through basic training and airborne school, experience how a Soldier succeeds and even see what happens when a Soldier gets in trouble, he added. America's Army is designed to be realistic, so people can see the life of a Soldier and decide if it is some-

thing they would like to pursue in real life, Wardynski said. The game has generated interest in the Army and has taught people about soldiering.

In a survey given to 16-21 year olds, 29 percent said America's Army was the most effective method of generating interest compared to other Army sponsorships, he added.

REALISM TEACHES USERS SKILLS

"I learned visual awareness and how quick my mind was," said Cathy Fuller, a first-time America's Army user from League City, Texas. "I want to do it again because I know I can do better."

Fuller said the game is realistic and requires concentration.

The game also teaches Army values, Wardynski said. Real Soldiers preview every part of the game, and if they aren't proud of it, it doesn't get released. "The game is about being a Soldier, and being a Soldier is a value-laden experience."

"We make a big deal out of Army values for a reason. The war on terror makes it all too apparent why those Army values are critical," added Wardynski.

NEW CONCEPT PREPS, TRAINS SOLDIERS

This year, the Army is adding a new concept to the Army game similar to the delayed entry program, Wardynski said.

The Future Soldiers System will use concepts from basic training and put them into the virtual experience, so the recruits can learn about rules of engagement, laws of land warfare and first aid before ever stepping foot on the training installation.

"So a random sample of kids at recruiting stations will be put into (the Future Soldiers System), and then we'll be able to see how they do when they get in the Army with the idea that we're getting them ready to get ready, so they'll show up more prepared and more confident," he said.

America's Army is also being developed as a training device for Soldiers. **STRYKER, TALON PROGRAMS ONLY FOR SOLDIERS**

Some government applications, not available to the general public, are a fundamental way to provide the hands-on skills to Soldiers in a realistic fashion, said Bill Davis, executive producer, America's Army future applications.

These applications include the Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle and the Talon Robot, which has been used in both Iraq and Afghanistan to destroy improvised explosive devices.

Davis said he worked with an Explosive Ordnance Detachment sergeant that had no interest in using a game - until he agreed to try it and realized it was a great training tool.

"When I sold it to the Soldier, that told me it was real," Davis said.

Dr. Mark Sabol, research psychologist from the Army Research Institute, tried the America's Army version of the Talon Robot for the first time at the summit.

"It seems very realistic," Sabol said. "It's apparently a lot like what real users would see when doing their job."

Other applications are being developed constantly at the America's Army future applications site in Picatinny, N.J.

"We replicated the function of the XM-25 Air Burst Assault Weapon and put it on the screen for training," Davis said.

As they further develop each application, they intend to upgrade them to include more scenarios, he said.

America's Army was launched July 4, 2002, and the public version is free for download at www.americasarmy.com.

Soldiers can register to have the Army star next to their virtual persona so others playing the game know they are playing with a real Soldier.

with a time of 49 minutes and 32 seconds.

The winner of the women's race was Casey Smith of Arlington, Va., finishing with a time of 57 minutes and 26 seconds.

In second place was Christine Clifton coming in at 58 minutes and 2 seconds, and third place finisher Sharon Lemberger coming in at 58 minutes and 32 seconds.

Flag Football standings as of Oct. 22

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| Blue Division | | |
| D-447 | 15 | 1 |
| B-447 | 17 | 2 |
| D-551 | 12 | 4 |
| E-447 | 13 | 6 |
| B-73 | 12 | 7 |
| C-73 | 11 | 7 |
| B-369 | 9 | 7 |
| B-551 | 11 | 9 |
| C-369 | 6 | 7 |
| C-447 | 10 | 14 |
| C-551 | 6 | 18 |
| E-369 | 4 | 20 |
| D-369 | 0 | 24 |
| Morning Division | | |
| C-73 | 17 | 0 |
| A-551 | 13 | 3 |
| E-369 | 12 | 3 |
| B-447 | 14 | 4 |
| B-73 | 12 | 5 |
| D-447 | 11 | 6 |
| E-447 | 9 | 11 |
| B-551 | 5 | 15 |
| C-551 | 3 | 17 |
| C-369 | 2 | 18 |
| D-369 | 2 | 18 |
| Red Division | | |
| A-206 | 15 | 2 |
| A-551 | 13 | 2 |
| 311S | 14 | 3 |
| A-447 | 10 | 5 |
| 3338TRS | 9 | 5 |
| A-369 | 9 | 7 |
| 35MP | 5 | 10 |
| B-442 | 5 | 10 |
| 249 | 5 | 11 |
| BNCOA | 4 | 16 |
| A-73 | 1 | 19 |
| White Division | | |
| EAMC | 9 | 2 |
| 252 | 7 | 2 |
| A-442 | 7 | 4 |
| A-63 | 7 | 5 |
| 235 | 5 | 4 |
| 518 | 5 | 6 |
| B-63 | 4 | 5 |
| NSGA | 5 | 7 |
| HHD-16 | 3 | 7 |
| C-63 | 3 | 8 |
| HHC-63 | 3 | 8 |
| Women's Division | | |
| NSGA | 11 | 1 |
| A-442 | 9 | 3 |
| 311S | 10 | 4 |
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Family Day gathering celebrates YCA success

Family members of Youth Challenge Academy Cadet Tara Hamilton enjoy the barbequed chicken and other food that was served at the YCA Family Day Saturday at the YCA training area near the post exchange. Photos by Spc. Nicole Robus

Spc. Nicole Robus
Military editor

Family members and mentors came from all over Georgia to attend the Youth Challenge Academy Family Day Saturday.

"We traveled 150 miles from the Atlanta area to be with Cadet Kayla Kennedy," said Joseph Randall, a family member of Kayla.

This is the first time that family members have seen their loved ones in four weeks.

"On Sept. 26, 182 candidates arrived at the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy ready to accept the challenge to make a better life for themselves," said Lt. Adele Holifield, operations officer, Youth Challenge Academy.

YCA's purpose is to provide Georgia's "at-risk" youth with Academic and Life skills training aimed at improving employment potential and creating productive citizens.

Youth Challenge training is divided into three phases: a two-week residential Pre-challenge Phase, a twenty-week Residential Challenge Phase and a twelve month Post Residential Phase.

The Academy is modeled after a U.S. Army basic training company. Cadets are trained in traditional Drill and Ceremony, Military Customs and Courtesies, Teamwork and Military Leadership. Physical Fitness, First Aid, CPR, Survival, and the like play an important part in the military training. Military structure creates a strictly enforced, disciplined environment.

Of those 182 candidates, 155 became cadets after finishing the first two weeks, pre-challenge phase, where



YCA Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Daniels takes a picture of Cadet Javarus Owens with his family at family day Saturday.

cadets learn drill and ceremony, physical fitness, and the basic military standards.

"It has been a change from when the cadets first came in," said Lt. Diana Reid, a platoon leader with YCA.

"I have had parents come up to me and tell me how much their son or daughter has changed in just four weeks," added Reid, who has been a cadre member for going on three years.

Family day was a day of activities to include rappelling and a ride on the zip line in the YCA training area.

"It was very exhilarating to ride down the zip line," said Randall. "Especially when you look down."

Information for this story came from the Youth Challenge Academy News and Information website <http://www.dod.state.ga.us/pages/yacinfo.htm>.



Volunteers from the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers course 74018-04 serve cadets and their family and friends. The NCOs supported the event as a class project.



Above: Joseph Randall zips down the line at the YCA family day. Tickets were sold to ride the zip line and to rappel down the side of the tower to raise money. Inset: Sgt. 1st Class Ben Marsee, left, volunteer from ANCOC, unhooks Randall from the zip line.



WAKB 96.9 FM Magic out of Wrens, Ga., set up a live broadcast from the YCA training area Saturday.